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Higher elementary schools for Muhammadans in Malabar.

1356 Q.—Mr. K. Kunhammad Koya Sahib: Will the Hon'ble the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many complete higher elementary schools there are in Malabar to meet the special educational needs of the Muhammadan community; and

(*b*) whether the Government have considered the question of opening higher elementary schools for Mappillas in important Mappilla centres like Angadipuram, Ottapalam, Wandur, Manjeri, Kundotti, Pandikkad and Cheruvadi?

A.—(*a*) There are five complete higher elementary schools for Mappillas in Malabar and several schools for Mappillas which have the seventh or some lower standard as the highest. In addition, Mappillas are freely admitted into other schools which are not specially intended for them.

(*b*) The answer is in the negative. The opening of elementary schools is mainly for the consideration of the local bodies concerned.

Enhanced travelling allowances for Sub-Assistant Inspectors of Schools in Malabar.

1357 Q.—Mr. K. Kunhammad Koya Sahib: Will the Hon'ble the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether, in view of enhanced scales of travelling allowance having been sanctioned for sub-assistant inspectors of schools in other districts, orders have also been issued increasing the fixed travelling allowances of such officers in Malabar and other special tracts?

A.—The answer is in the negative as the question of treatment of special tracts is still under consideration.

The Madras Excise Licensing Board.

1358 Q.—Khan Bahadur Muhammad Sadulla Badsha Sahib: Will the Hon'ble the Minister for Education (Excise) be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any reduction in the number of arrack, toddy and foreign liquor shops has been effected since the Excise Licensing Board came into existence in the Madras City; if so, what the present number is as compared with that in the year when there was no Licensing Board;

(*b*) whether the Government intend to increase the non-official element on the Madras Excise Licensing Board and thus make it more representative in character;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the Board of Revenue vetoed the resolution of the Madras Excise Licensing Board of the 12th January 1921 regarding removal of the *pattai* arrack shop from Tata Muthiappan street, Georgetown, Madras, on the ground that the resolution had not been passed by a two-third majority as required by rule 12 of the rules regulating the constitution and functions of the Board, though five members voted *for* and three *against* it, the total strength being only eight;

(*d*) whether the resolution of 22nd December 1920 and the resolution of 12th January 1921 can be regarded as resolutions passed within the same year; if not, why a two-third majority was insisted on by the Board of Revenue in the case of the resolution of 12th January 1921 which modified the resolution of 22nd December 1920;

(*e*) whether it is a fact that the Government have bought a piece of land in Tata Muthiappan street, Georgetown, Madras, to erect a model arrack shop;

(*f*) whether it is a fact that the members of the Madras Excise Licensing Board are not entitled to obtain information in regard to the revenue of each of the shops, *pattai* arrack, foreign liquor, toddy, ganja and opium, in the city; and

(*g*) how many resolutions of the Madras Excise Licensing Board were vetoed by the Board of Revenue during each of the years 1918 to 1921 and for what reasons?

A.—(*a*) A statement is given below:—

	Toddy shops.	Arrack shops.	Foreign liquor taverns.
1917–18 .. .. .. (When there was no Excise Licensing Board).	69	21	10
1921–22	61	20	10

(*b*) There is no such proposal before the Government at present.

(*c*) The Government have no information.

(*d*) As the arrack lease runs from April to March the resolutions referred to by the member would fall within the same lease year.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) The attention of the member is invited to rule 9 of the rules regulating the constitution, functions and the conduct of business by the Madras Excise Licensing Board.

(*g*) The Government have no information except in respect of the case mentioned in the press communiqué dated 9th September 1920.

Elementary school teachers.

1359 *Q.*—Khan Bahadur Muhammad Sadulla Badsha Sahib: Will the Hon'ble the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the orders of the Government to abolish the capitation allowance to elementary school teachers have been given effect to while the increased pay proposed for them in lieu of the allowance has yet to be sanctioned; and

(*b*) whether the Government intend to continue the allowance until these teachers can be given the increased pay?

A.—(*a*) No.
(*b*) Yes.

Mrs. Paul of the Government Training School for Women, Guntūr.

1360 *Q.*—Munshi Muhammad Abdur-Rahman Sahib: Will the Hon'ble the Home Member and the Hon'ble the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether he has received a threatening printed letter, dated 18th September 1921, and a pamphlet from Mrs. M. D. Paul, the *ex*-headmistress of the Muhammadan Training School for Women, Guntūr, containing